


**REMARKS**

Please amend Claims 1 and 15 as shown above. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments. The amendments are made to further clarify the language of the claim. Specifically, the amendments are made to clarify that the object of the scanning steps is to detect an analyte in the sample and not the sample per se, which is entirely consistent with the manner in which the invention is described in the specification and has been understood by both the Applicants and the Examiner during prosecution of the applicaiton. Accordingly, the Amendments do not require any additional search. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter the above amendments to Claims 1 and 15.

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